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All claims are allowable. However, due to a potential interference, ex parte prosecution is SUSPENDED FOR A PERIOD OF 6 MONTHS from the date of this letter. Upon expiration of the period of suspension, applicant should make an inquiry as to the status of the application.

The rejection under 102(e) is being withdrawn in view of Applicants' arguments.

Attached is the IDS (PTO-1449) paper #28.

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